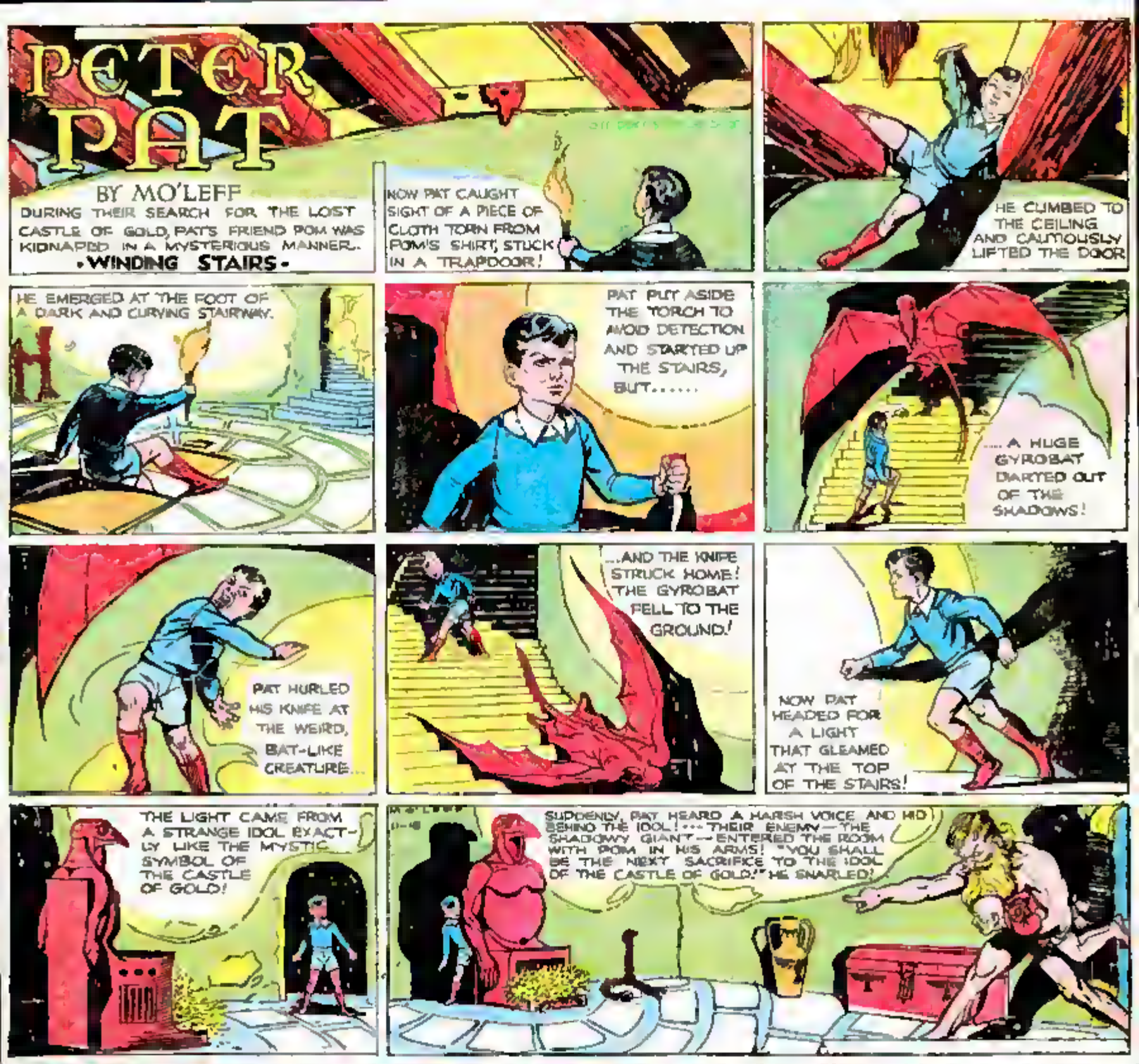
PETER PAT
BY MO'LEFF
DURING THEIR SEARCH FOR THE LOST CASTLE OF GOLD, PAT'S FRIEND POM WAS KIDNAPED IN A MYSTERIOUS MANNER.
• WINDING STAIRS •
NOW PAT CAUGHT SIGHT OF A PIECE OF CLOTH TORN FROM POM'S SHIRT, STUCK IN A TRAPDOOR!
HE CLIMBED TO THE CEILING AND CAUTIOUSLY LIFTED THE DOOR
HE EMERGED AT THE FOOT OF A DARK AND CURVING STAIRWAY.
PAT PUT ASIDE THE TORCH TO AVOID DETECTION AND STARTED UP THE STAIRS, BUT.....
.... A HUGE GYROBAT DARTED OUT OF THE SHADOWS!
PAT HURLED HIS KNIFE AT THE WEIRD, BAT-LIKE CREATURE...
...AND THE KNIFE STRUCK HOME! THE GYROBAT FELL TO THE GROUND!
NOW PAT HEADED FOR A LIGHT THAT GLEAMED AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS!
THE LIGHT CAME FROM A STRANGE IDOL EXACTLY LIKE THE MYSTIC SYMBOL OF THE CASTLE OF GOLD!
SUDDENLY, PAT HEARD A HARSH VOICE AND HID BEHIND THE IDOL! ... THEIR ENEMY — THE SHADOWY GIANT — ENTERED THE ROOM WITH POM IN HIS ARMS! "YOU SHALL BE THE NEXT SACRIFICE TO THE IDOL OF THE CASTLE OF GOLD!" HE SNARLED!

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PAT AND POM WERE HALTED IN THEIR SEARCH FOR THE CASTLE OF GOLD BY A MYSTERIOUS ENEMY, WHO CAPTURED POM!
THE IDOL SPEAKS
AS THE GIANT BROUGHT POM TO THE SACRIFICE, PAT SLIPPED INTO THE IDOL.
TIGHTLY BOUND, POM WAS PLACED ON THE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR!
THEN THE GIANT PREPARED TO IGNITE THE STRAW BENEATH THE IDOL'S VICTIM!
SUDDENLY THE JAW OF THE IDOL DROPPED OPEN! A HOARSE, HOLLOW VOICE SPOKE: "RELEASE POM AT ONCE!"
IN SUPERSTITIOUS TERROR THE GIANT HASTENED TO UNTIE POM!
THE VOICE WAS PAT'S, INSIDE THE IDOL, AND NOW THE DUST MADE HIM SNEEZE!—THE GIANT KNEW HE HAD BEEN TRICKED!
BUT BEFORE THE GIANT COULD MOVE TO STOP THEM PAT DASHED OUT OF THE IDOL AND PULLED POM AWAY.
THEY RACED DOWN THE STAIRWAY WITH THEIR ENEMY IN HOT PURSUIT, ROARING IN RAGE!
AT THE BOTTOM THEY RUSHED INTO A ROOM AND BOLTED THE DOOR JUST IN TIME!
BUT THE SINISTER MONSTER PULLED A LEVER AND....
THE FLOOR OPENED BENEATH PAT AND POM, PLUNGING THEM DOWNWARD INTO DARKNESS!
THE NOTE!

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THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT WHO BLOCKS THE WAY TO THE CASTLE OF GOLD, TRAPPED PAT AND POM IN A LOCKED ROOM AND CAUSED THE FLOOR TO OPEN UNDER THEM!

THE NOTE!

THEY TUMBLED THROUGH THE OPENING WITH TERRIFYING SPEED! BUT.....

...AFTER A SHORT DROP, THEY STRUCK THE GROUND AND WERE NOT BADLY HURT.

"LOOK!" EXCLAIMED PAT, "THE CEILING IS MOVING BACK INTO PLACE!"

ALL AT ONCE WATER POURED INTO THE ROOM. "IT IS A TRAP TO DROWN US!" CRIED POM, IN TERROR!

POM COULD NOT SWIM, BUT HE CLUNG TO PAT AS THE WATER ROSE SWIFTLY ABOUT THEM!

JUST AS THEY FLOATED NEAR THE CEILING A PIECE OF PAPER WAS THRUST THROUGH THE CRACK FROM THE FLOOR ABOVE!

Their is a wheel at the bottom of the room and you must swim down and turn it. Pleas hurry and turn the wheel.

IT WAS A NOTE— WITH NO SIGNATURE!

WITHOUT HESITATION PAT TOOK A DEEP BREATH AND DOVE!

AT THE BOTTOM HE FOUND THE WHEEL. HE TUGGED AT IT FURIOUSLY!

IT TURNED EASILY AND PAT SHOT TO THE SURFACE. NOW THE WATER WAS CHURNING THROUGH AN OPEN GATE, SWEEPING POM ALONG HELPLESSLY, IN ITS RAGING CURRENT! PAT SWAM DESPERATELY AFTER HIS FRIEND!

JUDY

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WHEN PAT REFUSED TO JOIN PRINCE LOGI AND HIS EVIL BAND HE WAS STRAPPED TO A POST!

PAT HOPED THAT THIS DELAY WOULD LET THE MESSENGERS OF KIA REACH THE GOLDEN CITY SAFELY.

CRACK! THE EXECUTIONER'S WHIP RIPPED ACROSS PAT'S CHEST! THEN, SUDDENLY....

A GUARD BURST IN. "WE HAVE SIGHTED THEM SIR!" HE CRIED.

LOGI AND HIS MEN LEFT PAT AND HURRIED TO ASSEMBLE THE BAND!

QUICKLY THEY WERE OFF TO THE CAPTURE

MEANWHILE THE MESSENGERS OF KIA, BEARING PRICELESS TREASURE TO THE CASTLE OF GOLD RODE TOWARD THEIR UNKNOWN FATE!

AND PAT IN THE CAVE, HOPELESSLY STRUGGLED TO LOOSEN HIS BONDS!

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WHILE PAT STRUGGLED HELPLESSLY IN LOGI'S CAVE THE MESSENGERS OF KIA BEARING PRICELESS RUBIES FOR THE EMPRESS JUDY WERE SLOWLY ADVANCING INTO....

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....THE SINISTER LOGI'S TRAP!

THE ROPES THAT HELD PAT FAST DID NOT BUDGE... **SUDDENLY**- HE HEARD THE SOUND OF A HORSE APPROACHING!

IT WAS PEPPER, PAT'S PONY SEEKING HER MASTER!

WITH PAT'S COACHING PEPPER LOOSENED THE ROPES-

NOW PAT RACED TOWARD THE CASTLE TO NOTIFY THE EMPRESS JUDY'S SOLDIERS

HE SWUNG INTO A **HAZARDOUS** SHORT CUT!

SUDDENLY PEPPER **TRIPPED** AND THREW HIS RIDER! PAT SAW WITH DISMAY THAT THE **HORSE HAD INJURED HER ANKLE**... HE CONTINUED TOWARD THE CASTLE **AFOOT!**

PAT GREW **WEAKER AND WEAKER** BUT HE RAN ON KNOWING THAT HE **MUST REACH THE CASTLE!**